

## Snohomish County District Court

### **Contested In Person Hearing**

The Court is in receipt of your request for a hearing to contest your traffic infraction. You and your witnesses, if any, must personally appear in court on the date and time indicated on the enclosed hearing notice. At your hearing, the court will review the government's evidence and take sworn testimony from you and your witness(s). If the court finds that you committed the infraction, you have a right to appeal this decision to Superior Court. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the hearing. A \$200.00 filing fee must be paid by you in order to file an appeal.

### **Contested Hearing by Mail**

Instead of appearing in court on the date and time scheduled on your hearing notice, you have the option of a contested hearing by mail. If you decide to proceed with a hearing by mail, you will not be required to appear in court. Instead you must complete the Defendant's Statement below and the declaration and mail them to the court prior to your scheduled hearing. If you have any witnesses, they too must submit declarations. On the date of your scheduled hearing, the court will review the declarations filed and the police officer's sworn statement and render a decision. If the court finds that the infraction has been committed, it will impose a monetary penalty and the finding will be reported to the Department of Licensing. The penalty will be based on the facts of the case and your driving record. If the infraction is found committed, you have NO right to appeal the court's decision. You also agree to pay the court-ordered penalty within the specified time ordered by the judge. You will be notified by mail of the judge's decision.

### **The court must receive your declaration AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR to the scheduled hearing date.**

The court, prior to the scheduled hearing date, **must** receive all declarations. Declarations, which are not received prior to the scheduled hearing date, will not be considered. If the court does not receive your declaration by the hearing date and you fail to appear for the hearing, the infraction will automatically be found committed, a \$52 default penalty will be added and the finding will be reported to the Department of Licensing. Unpaid fines may also result in a referral to a collection agency and suspension of your privilege to drive.

### **Defendant's Statement**

I wish to submit my case to the court on written statements. I have read and agree to abide by the rules and procedures governing hearings by mail. I agree to pay any penalty imposed in the time provided by the court. I understand that I can not appeal the court's decision.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Number (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cascade Division<br>415 East Burke<br>Arlington WA 98223<br>(360) 435-7700                | <input type="checkbox"/> Everett Division<br>Third Floor Sno Co Courthouse<br>3000 Rockefeller<br>Everett WA 98201<br>(425) 388-3331 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen Division<br>14414 179 <sup>TH</sup> Ave SE<br>Monroe WA 98272<br>(360) 805-6776 | <input type="checkbox"/> South Division<br>20520 68 <sup>th</sup> Ave W<br>Lynnwood WA 98036-7406<br>(425) 774-8803                  |

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***I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing statement is true and correct.***

### Date and Place

Signature